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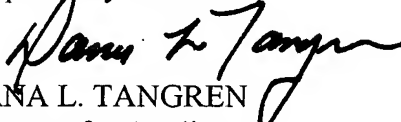
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- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (2 pages)
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pgs.)
- Assignment with Form PTO-1595 (3 pgs.)
- Preliminary Amendment (7 pages)
- Certified copy of United Kingdom Application Serial No. 0221076.3
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed December 5, 2003, please find enclosed herewith the following items for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application:

- X A single signature Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the inventor.

- X An Assignment conveying the invention to John Guest International Limited, including a Form PTO-1595 recordation cover sheet.
- A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.
- The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27
- X A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.
- X A Preliminary Amendment.
- X A certified copy of United Kingdom Application Serial No. 0221076.3 to which priority is claimed.
- X A Certificate of Express Mail under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.
- To render the Response timely filed, enclosed are the following:

 Petition for a -Month Extension of Time; and

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The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

			SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$385		\$770
TOT. CLAIMS	20 - 20=	0	X 9=		X 18=	0
IND. CLAIMS	2 - 3=	0	X 43		X 86=	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+145=		+290=	0
			TOTAL		TOTAL	770

- X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$940.00 is enclosed to cover:
- X The \$770.00 government filing fee.
- X The \$40.00 recordation fee of the enclosed assignment.
- X The \$130.00 surcharge fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.

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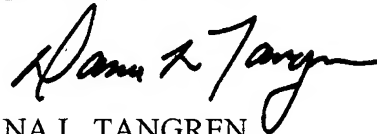
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X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with this case to the attention of the undersigned.

DATED this 11th day of December 2003.

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